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Hon. Gregory Howard Woods III U.S. District Judge Southern District of New York

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Re: Curran-Groome v. Columbia University (1:25-cv-01606)

Dear Judge Woods:

As counsel for the plaintiffs in this removed case, I conclude upon researching the issue that I may amend the Complaint as of right under under FRCP 15(a)(1)(B), given the defendant has not filed an answer, *Spehar v Fuchs*, 2003 US Dist LEXIS 10406, at \*16 (SDNY June 17, 2003). I do not see the logic or justice in a process which subjects my draftsmanship to more court supervision at this stage than if the case had remained in state court, or been filed in federal court as a matter of first instance.

Therefore I am respectfully requesting that your Honor revise the direction given in the March 27 minute that I seek the Defendant's consent to my proposed amendment, or leave to amend from Your Honor. The revised minute, if Your Honor agrees, would merely set Monday as a date for the filing of the Amended Complaint, without more.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Wallace